

FROCKS JUST FOR CHERUBS

Plain Bright Colors Combined With Black and White Line Checked Material Used.

Combining black and white line checked material with plain bright colors was carried out very prettily in a little girl's frock seen in an establishment where children's clothes are a specialty. It was made in the long one-piece style, with the shallow decollete that widens considerably toward the shoulders, outlined by a little rolled fold of the check. The sides and elbow sleeves were of Belgian blue linen. The checked part of the dress extended up on this color and stood out separate from it, pocketlike, all about at a little below hip length. Little sprays of cherries were embroidered on the blue at each side of the front to give a bit of color.

Another smaller girl's dress was made of dotted muslin. This, too, had the long, flaring, one-piece, cut from the neck. The dress was smocked at the side front, but the smocking was done with two colors, instead of one—a rose pink and a sky blue. The smocking was half of the regular horizontal stitch and half feather stitch type.

Little play aprons are made the same way, full and gathered into a shallow neck line, and have the old-fashioned apron strings, which tie from the sides at back, and two big puffy pockets, into which a child can gather every thing from pebbles to plums.

POCKETS AND BELTS TO GO

Latest Version of the Straight Frock Dispenses With These Old Favorites.

There is a rumor in Paris that our new coats are to be Chinese in style, that is, straight from the shoulder, with kimono sleeves and with waistcoats of deliberate gorgeousness. The coat may be black, for instance, with a bit of blue embroidery all about the edge, and the waistcoat may be of brilliant orange satin embroidered with black, white, and gold, and belted with blue and black embroidery. A coat of this sort would extend about to the knees, while the waistcoat stops short at the hips. The skirt underneath is straight, narrow, and quite untrimmed.

We have worn the straight frock for months, and we shall doubtless wear it for months to come. The pocket has disappeared from the latest version of the straight frock, and now the rumor is that the belt is to follow the pocket into oblivion. There are possibilities in the unbelted frock, which promise well; tunics of rich stuffs over narrow simple underdresses, exquisite embroideries and metal clasps, jewel set and rare, rich velvets and rich furs. And, just as in those far off days the lady sat in her tower at her embroidery frame while her true knight rode to battle, so we sit at our chosen war work, while our khaki and blue clad heroes march away.—Vogue.

HUSSAR BONNET FOR FALL



Wearing them higher, does not necessarily mean the shoes or the skirts of Miladi. They are also building from the top. The chic little toque has grown in proportion for the fall. This Hussar bonnet of tan French felt and black hatter's plush, most effectively combined here, "tops" them all not all in altitude but in style. The sole trimming of this unique hat is the smart jet ornament. The crown is in two wings which adds to the quaintness, and gives it an air of distinctiveness that is not found in most bits of millinery.

Care of the Hands.
Careless washing and imperfect drying are the reasons for more red, unsightly hands than anything else. The slightest dampness of the skin in cold weather will make the hands chap and crack.

Hot water should not be used more than once a day at most for washing the hands, and then they should be rinsed in cold.

Soften the Hands.
Keep a dish of Indian meal on the toilet stand with soap, rub the meal freely on the hands after soaping them for washing. It will surprise you if you have not used it how it will cleanse and soften the skin, also prevent chapping.

MAKING A SALE TO ROYALTY

American Machinery Salesman Took Liberties With Khedive of Egypt, but He Got an Order.

An amusing reminiscence of the present khedive of Egypt is told by E. Alexander Powell in his book, "The Last Frontier." Mr. Powell says he received a call from the chairman of an American firm whose special lines of business was the manufacture of agricultural and well-drilling machinery. Mr. Powell's visitor explained that as he was passing through Egypt he thought it might be possible to obtain an audience with the khedive.

"Agriculture and its attendant problems of irrigation and fertilization constitute the sole hobby and amusement of the present khedive, Abbas Hilmi. He is consequently a ready and liberal purchaser of all improved types of agricultural machinery, which he puts to practical use on his great estates. The request of my compatriot was duly transmitted to the grand master of ceremonies and shortly thereafter a reply reached me that named the day and hour when his highness would receive us at the palace of Ras-el-Tin.

"Frock-coated and top-hatted, we drove to the palace, on the day appointed, were received by the officials of the household, and shown into the audience room, where Abbas Hilmi stood awaiting us. After a cordial greeting, the khedive drew me down beside him on a small sofa and motioned to my companion to take a chair opposite us.

"It gives me particular pleasure," I began, "to present Mr. K. to your highness, as he is an authority on agricultural machinery, a subject in which your highness is, I know, much interested."

"Say, khedive," said my fellow countryman, suddenly leaning forward and emphasizing every sentence by wagging his finger under Abbas Hilmi's august nose, "I've got the niftiest little proposition in well drilling machinery that ever struck this burg, and if you don't jump at the chance to get in on the ground floor, then all I've got to say is that you are throwing away the chance of your lifetime."

"The khedive, being naturally quite unaccustomed to this form of verbal assault, and still more unaccustomed to having anyone waggle a finger under his nose, at first drew back laughingly. Then the humor of the situation dawned upon him, and, as the river of talk, which is one of the chief reliances of the trained American salesman, flowed steadily on, he became interested in spite of himself. Now and then he interjected a pertinent question, and ended the audience by giving the American an order for several thousand dollars' worth of American machinery, which, when I last heard of it, was giving excellent satisfaction on the royal farms."

Pinhole in Water Pipe.

Information recently circulated by the water department of a small municipality where meters are used, shows the importance of discovering and mending leaks that may occur in a piping system. Popular Mechanics Magazine states. Under a pressure of 40 pounds it is estimated that in 24 hours 170 gallons of water will pass through a hole a shade larger than the period at the end of this sentence. An orifice slightly bigger than the head of a pin will permit 3,600 gallons to escape in a similar length of time. Thus, ever so slight a hole may cause the wastage of a great volume of water if it fails to receive immediate attention. It is easy to test a plumbing system and ascertain its condition. This may be done by closing all cocks and then reading the meter. If, after a half hour or more, the meter reads the same as originally, the pipes are free from leaks.

American Gas Masks.

The use of poisonous gases in modern warfare has become so much the rule, since the practice was introduced by the Germans in April, 1915, that a gas mask is invariably a part of the equipment of the man at the front. The American gas mask is said to combine the best features of the German and English, and to be absolutely proof against gases for a period of ten hours. The breath is drawn through a mouth tube passing through a canister of chemicals which neutralize the gases. A clamp prevents the man from breathing through the nose, so that all the inhaled air must pass through the canister. Some of the trench masks are much simpler than this, notably one of the French types, which consists simply of a cloth saturated in chemicals drawn over the head, through which the soldier breathes, either with nose or mouth at will.

Hard to Please.

A marriage broker was trying to persuade a young man to wed a certain girl.

"The mother-in-law does not suit me," said the youth. "She is crabbed and foolish."

"That's true," replied the agent, "but you are not going to marry the mother-in-law."

"Yes, but she is no longer young nor pretty, either."

"That's nothing; if she is not young or pretty you can trust her all the more."

"But she hasn't much money," continued the young man.

"Why talk of money? Are you going to marry money? You want a wife, don't you?"

"But she is a hunchback."
"Well, what of that? Do you expect her to have no blemishes at all?"

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